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Student Success to be Discussed by State Commission: State Commerce Leader Zaremborg to Speak to Group

SACRAMENTO — March 14, 2007 — The California Postsecondary Education Commission will meet on March 20-21, 2007 to discuss several higher education accountability reports, along with a staff analysis regarding a proposed new law school at UC Irvine. The Commission will also hear presentations from Allan Zaremborg, CEO of the California Chamber of Commerce, and John Aubrey Douglass Ph.D., a UC Berkeley scholar who studies higher education from an international perspective.

As part of its on-going discussion on higher education accountability, the Commission will receive three reports pertaining to student success at California colleges and universities. The reports deal with college-going rates, the substantial costs borne by students who choose to attend college on a part-time basis, and the success rates of community college students.

Zaremborg will discuss his perspective on the role that postsecondary education should play in preparing students for a 21st century global economy. Douglass, a Senior Research Fellow with the Center for Studies in Higher Education, will offer an overview of California higher education from an historical and global perspective.

The full Commission agenda, including a link to each item that will be discussed at the March 20-21 meeting, can be viewed at <http://www.cpec.ca.gov/agendas/agnd0703.asp>.

The Commission streams live its meetings via the Internet at www.cpec.ca.gov. A recording of the meeting proceedings also can be heard at www.cpec.ca.gov.

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